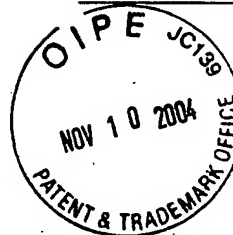


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For: METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF HDL CHOLESTEROL BY MEANS
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LETTER

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Dear Sir:

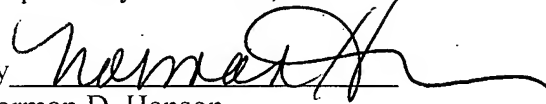
As a follow up to the telephone discussion with Examiner Leary which took place on October 26, patentees now SURRENDER ORIGINAL US PATENT NO. 6,171,840 in favor of the reissue.

The letter-faxed copy of this Letter only is to let the Examiner know that a Federal Expressed parcel has been dispatched which contains the Letters Patent.

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Dear Norman:

Thank you very much for your facsimile message of October 26, 2004 with which you informed us that the examiner in charge for the above re-issue application is favorably disposed.

Enclosed please find the original patent deed as well as an original certificate of correction of US patent Nr. 6,171,849 B1.

We hope that now the re-issue application will be granted in due course.

If you should need any additional information or materials, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Silber.

Very truly yours,

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